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Dear Community Leaders and Elected Officials,

As Michigan's only political action committee for companion animals, we are contacted quite often by voters who want help addressing animal welfare issues in their communities. We see firsthand the damage and anguish caused by pet stores, not only to the animals they house and sell, but to the families who become victims of their irresponsible practices.

Michigan's Political Action Committee for Animals (Mi-PACA) supports the following proposed legislation and pet store program. We would like Michigan community leaders to encourage humane pet acquisitions through shelters and foster-based animal rescue organizations.

1. The Large Scale Commercial Dog Breeder Act SB 339 and HB 4898 will help to curb puppy mills in the state.
2. The Humane Pet Acquisition Ordinance will prohibit the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, long-lived birds and large reptiles in local communities, and will protect families from irresponsible pet retailers.
3. The Puppy Friendly Pet Store program encourages pet supply stores to make an official policy not to sell puppies or kittens.

Mi-PACA's mission is to improve the lives of animals in the state of Michigan by endorsing elected officials who support shelter reform and animal protection legislation.

Mi-PACA's goal is to make significant changes for companion animals in each Michigan municipality. To accomplish this, Mi-PACA:

- Creates ever-growing blocs of Michigan voters
- Builds relationships with elected officials
- Monitors and tracks voting records and cooperation with communities
- Endorses animal-friendly politicians for election
- Informs voting bloc members and communities of those endorsements
- Develops and introduces animal-friendly ordinances, resolutions and legislation

We appreciate your support of this ordinance and will inform your constituents of your vote prior to every election.

Sincerely,
Mi-PACA Board of Trustees

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